

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE-DAVIDSON COUNTY

TRANSPORTATION LICENSING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2026

The Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Transportation Licensing Commission (MTLC) met for its regular meeting on this date in the Sonny West Conference Center of the Howard Office Building. Present were Commissioners Annie Klaver, Erica Penley, Ann Butterworth, Carey Rogers, Freddie Carr, and Manaen Hall (6). Absent were Chair Pat McNally and Vice Chair Carol Westlake (2). The Commission held one vacancy following the resignation of Commissioner Juan Mera. Also present were NDOT staff members Richard Rooker, Amanda Mullins, Ava Prater, and T.D. Schlafer, as well as Metro Legal advisors Erica Haber and Ann Mikkelsen.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Director Rooker called the meeting to order, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

An election for Chair Pro Tem was called. Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Butterworth nominated Commissioner Klaver. With no further nominations, a vote was called.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 5-0

Chair Pro Tem Klaver read the Notice of Appeal Statement which outlined the right of appeal of MTLC decisions, then opened the floor for public comment from those gathered. At the June 22, 2023, MTLC meeting, a motion was approved to allow up to 8 (eight) individuals to speak for up to 2 (two) minutes each. There were no requests to speak.

Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved approval of minutes from the previous meeting.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 5-0

Items For Deferral

Director Rooker reported there were no items for deferral.

Consent Items

The following new company applications were submitted for Other Passenger Vehicles for Hire (OPVH):

- Kim Hau PLLC – 1 Permit
- Nashville Ultimate Rides LLC – 1 Permit
- Music City Luxury Limo LLC – 1 Permit

- Rizi Transport LLC – 1 Permit
- 3D Jackson – 1 Permit
- Veneno Performance Transportation LLC – 1 Permit
- I&F Elite TN LLC – 1 Permit
- Diyanblacktransport – 1 Permit
- Da Luxury Car Transportation LLC – 1 Permit
- Luxury Business PLLC – 1 Permit
- Nash Star Rides LLC – 1 Permit
- Let's Limo LLC – 1 Permit
- Alawi LLC – 1 Permit
- Services M&M LLC – 1 Permit
- TNN Transit Group LLC – 1 Permit
- Al Lodhi's Limo Service – 1 Permit
- 615 Elite Transport LLC – 1 Permit
- Bavly Limo LLC – 1 Permit
- Wahedi – 1 Permit
- ESU Limo Services – 1 Permit
- DKmung LLC – 1 Permit
- Elite Way LLC – 1 Permit
- NYK Premier Transportation LLC – 1 Permit
- Elite Rides LLC – 2 Permits

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve the submitted applications.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 5-0

The following existing companies failed to timely submit an OPVH renewal application by the March 31st deadline and reapplied as a new company:

- My Personal Driver LLC – 1 Permit
- Black Car Transportation LLC – 2 Permits

Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Butterworth moved to approve the submitted applications.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 5-0

Wrecker and Towing Services

White Stars Transportation LLC dba Lux Towing applied to operate as a non-consent wrecker company. Director Rooker reported that the company has been operating as a general wrecker company since July 2025 without incident, as required by MTLC Rule 323B. Mr. Schlafer inspected the storage facility located at 67 Hart Street and found it in compliance with MCL 6.80.575. Staff reported all paperwork was in order.

After some discussion, Commissioner Penley with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to approve the application.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 5-0

A general wrecker new company application for Direct Towing LLC was submitted. Staff reported that all paperwork was in order, but inspection had not been completed.

After some discussion, Commissioner Butterworth with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to approve the application subject to successful completion of vehicle inspection by staff.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 5-0

Shared Urban Mobility Devices (SUMD)

T.D. Schlafer provided an update on Intent to Award RFQ GG000053 Dockless SUMDs which was deferred at the June 2025 meeting. A protest hearing was scheduled for July 22, 2026, 1 P.M. at Lindsley Hall. Metro Procurement advised staff to request deferral pending the outcome of the hearing.

Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Carr moved to defer action on the Intent to Award until the August meeting.

ACTION: Deferred

Vote: 5-0

Entertainment Transportation (ET)

Director Rooker provided an update on BL2026-1449, an ordinance to amend Chapter 6.77 of MCL regarding the assignment, sale, transfer, or gifting of ET certificates of public convenience and necessity and vehicle permits, which was set to be heard on second reading at Metro Council.

The Commission was asked to review a draft ordinance for recommendation to Metro Council.

ORDINANCE NO. ____

An ordinance amending subsections 6.77.110.A. and 6.78.090.A. of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to update requirements for driver permits for entertainment transportation vehicles and seated sightseeing vehicles.

WHEREAS, subsections 6.77.110.A. and 6.78.090.A. of the Metropolitan Code of Laws currently require operators of entertainment transportation vehicles (ETVs) and seated sightseeing vehicles (SSVs), respectively, to have commercial driver's licenses or Passenger (P)

endorsements on regular driver's licenses, regardless of the size of the ETV or SSV, in order to be qualified for driver permits; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, operators of vehicles that carry fewer than 15 passengers, including the driver, are not eligible for obtain commercial driver's licenses; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, operators of vehicles that carry 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver, are not eligible for a P-endorsement on a regular driver's license; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, operators of vehicles that carry 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver, may obtain a Class D driver's license with a For-Hire (F) endorsement; and,

WHEREAS, since subsections 6.77.110.A. and 6.78.090.A. of the Metropolitan Code of Laws require commercial driver's licenses or P-endorsements for drivers of all ETVs and SSVs, no matter the size of the vehicle or the number of passengers they carry, the Metropolitan Transportation Licensing Commission (TLC) has not been able to offer permits to drivers of ETVs and SSVs that carry 15 or fewer passengers, and who do not have commercial driver's licenses; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to allow qualified drivers of ETVs and SSVs to be treated equally, no matter the size of the ETV or SSV they intend to operate or the amount of passengers the vehicle carries, the TLC desires to amend subsections 6.77.110.A. and 6.78.090.A. to fix the discrepancy between local law and state law; and,

WHEREAS, the TLC voted to recommend this ordinance to the Metropolitan Council for approval during its meeting held on July 21, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to subsections 6.77.110.A. and 6.78.090.A. of the Metropolitan Code of Laws are in the best interests of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That subsection 6.77.110.A. of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

6.77.110 - Permit required—Violations and term.

- A. No person shall drive or otherwise operate an entertainment transportation vehicle engaged in the transportation of passengers unless that person has a driver's permit and a currently effective Tennessee commercial driver's license with a passenger (P) endorsement, or other legal driver's license with a for-hire (F) endorsement, as required by law based upon the operated vehicle's size. To qualify for a permit, an applicant must comply with all of the requirements and stipulations of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted by the MTLC.

Section 2. That subsection 6.78.090.A. of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

6.78.090 - Permit required-Violations and term.

- A. No person shall drive or otherwise operate a seated sightseeing vehicle engaged in the transportation of passengers unless that person has a seated sightseeing vehicle driver's permit and a currently effective Tennessee commercial driver's license with a passenger (P) endorsement, or other legal driver's license with a for-hire (F) endorsement, as required by law based upon the operated vehicle's size. To qualify for a permit, an applicant must comply with all of the requirements and stipulations of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted by the MTLC.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after its passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

RECOMMENDED BY:

INTRODUCED BY:

Phillip Jones, Interim Director
Nashville Department of Transportation
and Multimodal Infrastructure

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY:

Member(s) of Council

Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

After some discussion, Commissioner Carr with a second from Commissioner Rogers moved to recommend the draft ordinance for passage.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 5-0

Pedicabs and Pedal Carriages

Director Rooker provided an update on BL2026-1490, an ordinance to amend Chapter 6.75 of MCL by adding a new subsection that directs the MTLC to consider pedicabs as a necessary and useful mode of transportation and to consider pedal carriages only as vehicles used for entertainment purposes. The ordinance also would allow pedicabs to utilize designated bicycle lanes, if they do not impede existing bicycle traffic. The bill was set to be heard on second reading at Metro Council.

Other Business

There was no other business.

With no further business, Commissioner Rogers with a second from Commissioner Hall moved to adjourn.

ACTION: Approved

Vote: 5-0

ATTEST:

Richard Rooker
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:

Pat McNally
Chair

Date: